

St Laurence Church, Frodsham

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of St Laurence, Frodsham. Charity No: 1130013

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Aim and Purposes

St. Laurence's Parochial Church Council (PCC) has the responsibility of co-operating with the incumbent, the Reverend Elaine Atack and others in the Ministry Team in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

The PCC is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the Church of St. Laurence, Church Road, Frodsham and of the Church Hall located in Church Street, Frodsham.

The Church has close links with its VC CofE Primary school with approx. 200 children on roll.

Objectives and Activities

The PCC is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our parish community at St. Laurence. The PCC maintains an overview of worship throughout the parish and makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many groups that live within our parish. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament.

Our activities for 2021 were again severely constrained by Covid-19 restrictions.

The Parish Mission Statement is "To know God and to make God known".

We aim to enable people to live out their faith as part of our parish community through:

Worship and prayer;

learning about the Gospel;

developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish.

Mission and outreach work.

Other organisations and initiatives wholly or partly supported by the PCC, include: - Mothers Union (meetings were held when possible in 2021)

Church Choir

Church Bell Ringers

Christian Aid Collections

Church Discussion Groups (Faith in Action)

Regular quizzes
Reading Group
Food Bank Contributors
Walking Group (restricted, but some walks completed)

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church of St. Laurence and the Church Hall, which was deep cleaned and internally redecorated in 2021. Both places had new noticeboards installed.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

All are welcome to attend our regular services. We are an inclusive church. In 2021 there were 163 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

As Covid-19 restrictions eased we were able to begin to clear the backlog of baptisms (27) and marriages (7) in 2021, which was a great relief to all concerned. Eleven funerals took place in Church and six at the Crematorium.

With CCTV cameras in place, we are able to open the church building for Private prayer between 10.00 and 16:00 on weekdays. Sadly we suffered a major lead theft from the roof during September, with substantial internal damage due to water ingress. Temporary repairs were carried out and full repair is scheduled for early 2022. As a consequence, a full roof alarm has been installed.

The Civic remembrance service was prepared and led by Rev Elaine Attack, as was the Remembrance Sunday service at St Laurence. The Christingle services were cancelled at short notice because of numbers involved and a sharp increase in Covid-19 infections. Other Christmas services went ahead with reduced numbers.

No deanery Synod meetings took place during 2021 although there were some exchanges of email in anticipation of the impending retirement of the Rural Dean.

Pastoral Care / Safeguarding

Pastoral care began to return to normal in the latter part of 2021, which included a group of people being trained by the Incumbent, and who are known as our Pastoral Link team. What we now refer to as our "Accompanied Church" - people who are longstanding members of our congregation but no longer physically able to attend church on a regular basis - are visited regularly by this team. They take Home Communion as requested, deliver CDs of services and the weekly newsletter is still delivered.

A safeguarding officer was identified and trained, and the process of carrying out DBS checks where needed was begun, in line with standard CofE practice.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith and a decision was made in 2014 that we would, in future, select a Charity which we would support for that year and hope to establish links with that charity. Stick n Step was selected for our 2018/2019 charity as a local one. As no fundraising was possible in 2020, this remained our charity in 2021.

A prayer diary is sent out once a month with the newsletter which is also available online to develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus and a regular framework for daily Private Prayer.

Ecumenical Relationships

The church is a member of Churches Together in Frodsham.

Financial Review

St. Laurence established a restricted fund in 2012 to raise money for major building work required on the church which was completed in August 2015; the details of this account are shown after the main church accounts.

St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council - main unrestricted accounts

Income

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2021 were £91,806.72 

£59,538.19 came from regular and occasional giving, including Gift Aid; this being a decrease of £8,478.96 when compared to the 2021 total reflecting the effect of the pandemic.

£18,126.46 was received from other voluntary receipts see 3a on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

£470.00 was received from other activities; see 3b on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the breakdown of Fund Raising under 3g.

£13,672.07 was received from church activities inclusive of other income and is detailed under 3c and 3d on page 2 of the Receipts and Payments Account.

There were no charitable donations during the year.

Expenses

Our total expenditure from our unrestricted fund for 2021 was £134,131.55.

£68,131.56 was spent to support the Diocese in providing Christian ministry through the parish share.

£506.64 was spent on fundraising.

£65,493.35 was spent from unrestricted funds to maintain and repair the Church Buildings and manage and resource the work of St. Laurence's within the town. The breakdown of this total is shown on page 2 of Receipts and Payments under 3e and includes a breakdown of other income under 3f.

The net result for the year for our unrestricted fund was a decrease of receipts over payments of £42,324.83 compared to an increase of £7,250.42 in 2020. The balance carried forward into our unrestricted fund at 31st December 2021 totalled £75,305.73.

Restricted Fund (St. Laurence Repair Fund - Main Account)

Income

Total receipts for 2021 was nil.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for 2021 was nil.

The net result for the year for our restricted fund Main Account was no change so the balance carried forward into our restricted fund at 31st December 2021 totalled £29,531.97.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. At St. Laurence's the membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent (our vicar), churchwardens, the readers and members elected by those members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the Church plus the members of Deanery Synod. All those who attend our services are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC.

Administrative Information

St. Laurence Frodsham is part of the Diocese of Chester within the Church of England. The correspondence address is The Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Frodsham WA6 7DU.

The PCC is a body corporate (PCC Powers Measure 1956, Church Representation Rules 2006) and a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission.

Names of current members of the PCC in 2022 are:

Vicar Reverend Elaine Attack
Churchwarden Joanna Ayliffe
Deanery Synod and vice
chairman Elaine Graham
Lay Reader Andrew Rudd
Lay Reader (xo) Gill Newcombe
PCC Officer Betty Rutter
PCC Officer Tom Cameron
PCC Officer Christine Wilding
PCC Officer Pauline Sharpe
PCC Officer Wendy Rudd
PCC Officer Pam Garner
Treasurer John Wharne
Acting Secretary Kath Williamson
Safeguarding Officer Mary Lamb.

General Fund	General Fund
2021	2020
£	£

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

Voluntary Receipts

Regular Giving

Collections and Other Giving	£49,396.85	£53,506.17	
Income Tax recovered	£12,276.34		£14,510.98
	<u>£61,673.19</u>	<u>£68,017.15</u>	
Other Voluntary receipts (note 3a)	£15,991.46	£45,784.77	
Activities for generating funds (note 3b)	£470.00	£640.38	
Receipts from church activities (3c) inclusive of "other income" (3d)	£13,672.07	£19,288.48	
Charitable Donations Received	£0.00	£369.55	

Payments

Church activities

Diocesan parish share	£91,806.72	£134,100.33	
Fundraising Expenses (see 3h)	£68,131.56	£67,624.32	
Church Activities payments (note 3e) inclusive of "other expenditure" (3f)	£506.64	£0.00	
	<u>£65,493.35</u>	<u>£59,225.59</u>	
	£134,131.55		£126,849.91

Excess of Receipts over Payments

-£42,324.83 £7,250.42

	General Fund	General Fund	
	2021	2020	
	£	£	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
<i>Cash Funds</i>			
Bank current account	£75,305.73	£117,630.56	
Bank Deposit Account	£0.00	£0.00	
CBF deposit fund	<u>£75,305.73</u>	<u>£117,630.56</u>	
<i>Investment Assets</i>			
CBF Fixed Interest Fund	£0.00	£0.00	
CBF Investment Fund	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	
	£0.00	£0.00	
Total Cash Assets	£75,305.73	£117,630.56	
<i>Assets retained for Church use</i>			
Church Hall (Insurance Value)	£400,000.00	£400,000.00	£400,000.00

Reconciliations

	Current Account	Current Account Previous Year
Accounts 1 Jan 2021	£117,630.56	£110,380.14
Minus 2021 Expenditure	£134,131.55	£126,849.91
Plus 2021 Income	£91,806.72	£134,100.33
Accounts 31 Dec 2021	<u>£75,305.73</u>	<u>£117,630.56</u>

Notes

1 Prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

	General Fund	General Fund
	2021	2020
	£	£
3a 3a - Other Voluntary receipts		
Legacy	£1,981.17	£40,857.91
Donations	£11,156.29	£2,842.86
Grants	£2,854.00	£2,084.00
Insurance Claim	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Adjustment	£0.00	£0.00
Subtotal	£15,991.46	£45,784.77
3b 3b - Activities for generating funds - receipts		
Parish Magazine - sales and adverts	£0.00	£575.38
Fundraising Receipts (see details below (g))	£470.00	£65.00
Subtotal	£470.00	£640.38
3c 3c - Receipts from Church Activities		
Fees	£9,564.00	£13,339.40
Church Hall Lettings	£3,120.00	£3,876.00
Coffee Mornings	£0.00	£472.00
Refunds	£402.07	£1,273.13
Other income (see details below (d))	£586.00	£327.95
Subtotal	£13,672.07	£19,288.48
Receipts Total	£30,133.53	£65,713.63

	General Fund	General Fund
	2021	2020
3d3d - Other Income Detail		
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£127.80	
Heritage incl Books & Restoration Bks	£10.00	
Film Club	£10.20	
Vicars Travel for Funerals	£80.00	
Graveyard CDs	£33.00	
Overpaid deposit	£150.00	
Donations for Induction Gift	£175.00	
	£586.00	

3e 3e - Church Activities - Payments		
Charitable Donations	£158.00	£369.55
Church Expenses	£29,771.45	£20,352.33
Hall Repairs	£290.57	£401.70
Hall Running Costs	£10,510.75	£10,454.82
Churchyard Maintenance	£305.72	£275.87
Clergy Expenses	£8,286.02	£12,351.33
Cost of Services	£5,269.31	£4,976.56
Magazine Printing Costs	£0.00	£78.75
Parish Expenses	£2,070.93	£2,642.48
Payments from church activities	£7,858.20	£6,420.20
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Other Expenses (see details below (f))	£65,423.35	£59,222.09

3f3f - Other Expenses Detail		
Churches Together	£300.00	
Gift for Heather and David Powling	£102.50	
Bible Reading Fell'ship	£114.90	
Hall Letting Refund	£50.00	
Gift for Induction	£175.00	
Return of Overpaid Wedding Deposit	£150.00	
Vicars Travel for Funerals	£80.00	
	£972.40	

3g3g - Fundraising Income Details		
Christmas Puddings	£470.00	
	£470.00	

	£506.64	
	£506.64	

3h - Fundraising Expenses Detail
Christmas Puddings



CHARITY
FOR ENGLAND
AND WALES

**Independent
examiner's
report on
the
accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST. LAURENCE,
FRODSHAM

**On accounts for the
year ended**

2021

Charity no (if any)

1130013

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity
("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of
the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the
Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under
section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed
the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)
(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come
to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the
examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 1* accounting records were not kept in
accordance with section 130 of the Act or
2* the accounts do not accord with the
accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with
the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

5.10.22

Name:

ERIC ROWALD BENNETT

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.